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Update for Strategic Plan and Policy Subcommittee, June 11, 2012

Draft Strategic Plan

Public comments on the draft Strategic Plan were received after the comment deadline from Department of Fish and Game, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Delta Stewardship Council. The comments were reviewed by staff and there were no substantive revisions made to the draft Strategic Plan.

Staff expects that the final draft Plan will be released on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 and will be forwarded to the Subcommittee members shortly thereafter.

A motion was made that recommended adoption of the Strategic Plan by the full Conservancy Board pending further review to ensure that the comments and direction provided by the Subcommittee have been adequately represented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Executive Fellows' Report Update

Staff has been working with the Executive Fellow's to revise their report on Law Enforcement issues in the Delta. The revised report will focus more on issues related to theft and trespass. Further revisions include changing the reports "Recommendations" section to "Suggestions for Future Consideration".

The Executive Fellows will present the revised report to the full Conservancy Board at their meeting on June 27, 2012. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

Next Steps

The Strategic Plan and Policy Subcommittee was formed to oversee the Interim, Draft, and final Strategic Plan process. Discussion about the role of the Subcommittee going forward included the following:

- Renaming the Subcommittee to the "Program and Policy Subcommittee"
- Recruiting other Board members to the repurposed Subcommittee
- The Subcommittee should conduct an annual or bi-annual review of the Strategic Plan

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 Should the review of the Strategic Plan coincide with the Executive Officer's annual review? Like a report card to measure progress and success?

- The Subcommittee will further discuss how to handle legislative review.
 Suggestions included a) a 1-2 member task force or ad-hoc committee and b) setting up a structure that allows the members to move very flexibly and respond to emerging issues quickly. Executive Fellow Albert Wu volunteered to help track legislation for Conservancy staff.
- The Subcommittee proposes to meet every other month (the months that there are no Board meetings) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-5pm.
- Staff will prepare a draft charter for the Program and Policy Subcommittee prior to the August Board meeting. A core mandate of the charter will be to monitor the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

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